

**Statewide Interoperability Governance Board
Minutes
February 9, 2017
1:30 PM
Cogswell Building, Room 151**

Members Present:

Sheriff Leo Dutton, MSPOA, Chairman
Ron Baldwin, SCIO, MDOA/SITSD
Chief Mike Doto, MVFA
Clint Loss, MEMSA
Captain Curt Stinson, MACOP
Quinn Ness, MDOA/SITSD, SCIO Alternate

Chief Bob Drake, MSVFA, Alternate
Colonel Tom Butler, MDOJ/MHP
Geoff Feiss, MTA
Jon Swartz, MDT, Alternate
☞ Patrick Lonergan, MFCA
☞ Commissioner Joe Briggs, MACo

Staff Present:

Wendy Jackson, DOA/SITSD

Guests Present:

Rhonda Sullivan, MDOA/PSCB; Steve Keller, MDT; Mike Feldman, MDOJ/MHP; Dan Sullivan, PSCB; Dan Hawkins, U.S. DHS; Roger Smith, Lewis & Clark County; E. Wing Spooner, PSCB; Mike Raczkowski, MDOC; Mike DeGrosky, MT DNRC

☞ **Real-time Communication:**

Chris Lounsbury, Missoula County; Charlie Gilmore, Lewis & Clark County; Brad Steiner, Motorola Solutions; Dale Osborne, MDOJ/MHP; Todd Klemann, DNRC

Welcome and Introductions

Sheriff Leo Dutton welcomed the board to the February 9, 2017 Statewide Interoperability Governance Board (SIGB) meeting. All members and guests were introduced.

Minutes

Motion: Geoff Feiss made a motion to approve the January 12, 2017 minutes as presented. Mike Doto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SIGB Grant Application Letter of Support

Sheriff Dutton addressed the SIGB Grant Application letter of support. This letter is in support of Roger Smith's application for the Statewide Communications System Administrator to provide continued monitoring and maintenance of the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system. The Senior Advisory Committee has set aside funding for this position. A letter of support from SIGB for Mr. Smith's application is critical.

Motion: Commissioner Joe Briggs made a motion for SIGB to approve the letter of support for Mr. Smith's application for the Statewide Communications System Administrator position. Chief Mike Doto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Item: Quinn Ness will deliver the SIGB letter of support to the Senior Advisory Committee.

FirstNet 2016 Consultation Update

Dan Sullivan gave a short report on FirstNet 2016 Consultation activities. Two meetings have been held with local jurisdictions in Kalispell, and Missoula. Meetings for cities with populations exceeding 20,000 will be completed by April, 2017. Meetings for cities with a population between 1,000 and 10,000 will be held after a deployment plan has been scheduled. Billings, Bozeman, Kalispell, and Missoula meetings have already taken place.

Action Item: Mr. Sullivan will inform the board of the scheduling of future FirstNet Metro Meetings in Butte, Great Falls, and Helena.

Statewide Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System: Maintenance Requirements

Memorandum to Governor

Mr. Ness stated that this memo has been revised to include a third recommendation, per SIGB discussions in the January 12, 2017 meeting. This recommendation includes a request for \$428,508 to cover three years of an extended warranty contract to maintain the LMR Backbone.

Michael DeGrosky, Chief of Fire and Aviation from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), addressed his concerns regarding the intention and effect of the proposed legislation. It is unclear if the bill is addressing the Trunked and Microwave System or all LMR in the state. Chief DeGrosky stated that the Fire and Aviation Department of the DNRC has no interest in participating in any system that would cause them to lose control of their radio system and technology.

Q: Sheriff Dutton: is the Fire and Aviation Department of the DNRC considered a First Responder / Public Safety Agency?

A: Chief DeGrosky: that is unclear at this time. The Fire and Aviation Department clearly fits into four of the six State Essential Functions.

Chief Drake stated that the DNRC system was not intended to be included in this draft legislation because they do not use the LMR Backbone system. Chief DeGrosky suggested that the language in the draft legislation and the memo to the Governor be revised to clarify that the intention. This draft bill is designed to improve and maintain the Microwave Backbone and the State Trunked LMR System. Jon Swartz, Patrick Lonergan, and Brad Steiner agreed with Chief DeGrosky's statement. Geoff Feiss recommended that verbiage related to ownership of the LMR radio system be omitted from the draft legislation and memo. Mr. Feiss stated that the issue of ownership should be addressed in the interim. Mike Feldman stated that SIGB has identified the need for one state agency as a point of contact for the LMR system, rather than having the ownership in the hands of multiple agencies and entities. These prior recommendations should be included in the draft legislation and memo. Mr. Swartz stated that the language in the memo implies that the request for \$428,508 is the total number of funds needed for the entire system. This should be revised to clarify that these funds are only for the three-year maintenance contract. Mr. Smith commented that language should be added to the draft legislation to address the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support and maintain the system, rather than transferring ownership.

Sheriff Dutton requested that SIGB vote on the memo with the proposed addendum to the language. Colonel Butler suggested that a revised memo to the Governor be sent to the SIGB stakeholders, via Outlook, with the voting provision enabled.

Action Item: Mr. Ness will revise the memo to the Governor to incorporate SIGB's recommendations. Mr. Ness will send the revised memo to the SIGB stakeholders, via Outlook, to facilitate voting. Please contact Quinn Ness at QNess@mt.gov with any comments or suggestions for the memo revision.

Action Item: Dale Osborn will contact Mr. Ness regarding the specific language that should be used to correctly identify the communication system.

Colonel Butler reported that there is a bill regarding the LMR system, LC2491, introduced by Representative Bill Harris. This legislation is on the same order as the memo to the Governor. This bill will be considered in the 2019 Legislative Session. The draft bill also involves the receipt and management of grant funds. Colonel Butler recommended that the members of SIGB voice their support for this draft bill before the legislature.

Action Item: CIO Support Staff will send LC2491 to the SIGB members once the draft has been finalized.

Sheriff Dutton reported that the maintenance contract on the Statewide Controller Master Site expired at the end of 2016. A new maintenance contract should be discussed.

Action Item: Charlie Gilmore will inform the board of the costs associated with this maintenance contract.

Public Comment

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2017

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.